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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants bring the attached references to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application. Also attached is a completed PTO-1449 form. ***No fee is believed to be due for this Information Disclosure Statement.*** However, if a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 50-1836. A duplicate of this Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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